

# Cost of Overseas Living Allowance increases

U.S. Forces Korea Public Affairs Office

**YONGSAN** — Servicemembers stationed in Seoul, Busan and Daegu and Area I will see more money in their paychecks this month as cost of living allowances increase in these areas.

As of March 16, COLA rates increased 66 percent for Pusan, 33 percent for Seoul, and 20 percent for Taegu and Area I. The criterion that applies to determining one's entitlement includes rank, time in service, number of family members and actual locality.

Even though this sounds confusing, finding the information has actually been made easy. On the Internet, go to <http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/ocform.html> and enter the information that applies. The system will then automatically compute and display information regarding one's entitlement. For example, an E-5 with six years of service and two family members living in Seoul with a location code of KS140, is entitled to \$17.067 per day, or \$512 per month. An O-2 with six years of service and two family members living in the same area is entitled to \$20.933 per day, or

\$628 per month. These increases apply to uniformed servicemembers only.

"The 2004 USFK COLA survey was a great success," said Col. Charles Kuyk, commander, 175th Finance Command. "The commander's intent for the survey was to validate COLA payments for the long term and to increase the equity of COLA."

More than 98 percent of USFK servicemembers responded to the survey, which will be conducted now every two years.

In the most recent survey, "USFK was able to revalidate its COLA entitlement, ensuring service members continue to receive the allowance across the peninsula," said Kuyk. "This significant achievement was a result of the great teamwork of all USFK Soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines who completed the survey."

The increases are scheduled to be reflected in the March end-of-month leave and earnings statement. For more information, contact a local finance office.

**Editor's Note:** 175th Finance Command contributed to this article.

## Senior Army leaders review policy on sexual assault

Army News Service

**WASHINGTON** — Senior Army leaders are reviewing policies to ensure that victims of sexual assault continue to receive immediate care and assistance and that all reported allegations are thoroughly investigated.

"Sexual assault has no place in our Army," said Lt. Gen. Franklin Hagenbeck, the Army deputy chief of staff, G1, during an interview with Dateline's Stone Phillips that aired March 12.

In the last year, 92 allegations of sexual misconduct were investigated by Army Criminal Investigation Division personnel in the Central Command area.

The complaints were not all made by Soldiers, officials said. And not all of those assaulted were women.

Also, the perpetrators were not all Soldiers, officials added.

Allegations have been made against local nationals and members of other services and coalition forces.

Of the 92 cases, the Criminal Investigation Command has completed 74 of the investigations

so far, officials said.

CID officials said they are committed to conducting thorough and complete criminal investigations into the cases discussed on Dateline and have been doing so since the incidents were reported to CID.

"It would be inappropriate at this point to comment on either of the investigations to protect the integrity of those cases," a CID official said, "and we are as equally committed to protecting the privacy of the victims."

The Army remains committed to taking care of Soldiers and dealing expeditiously with any complaint or allegation of sexual harrassament, officials stressed.

"The mere fact that this happens in our Army to me is unconscionable," Hagenbeck said.

"We go out and form teams, small groups live together, serve together and sometimes die for each other," said Hagenbeck.

"The fact that someone in the same uniform could turn around and commit a criminal offense against one of the members of that team is

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## Fencing project takes shape



Cho Kwang-jin (right) and Chon Han-jun place concertina wire around the Camp Hovey fence line March 19. See related story page 7.

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## MP Blotter

*The following entries were extracted from the past several week's military police blotters. Such entries may be incomplete and do not determine the guilt or innocence of any person.*

■ An investigation revealed that a U.S. servicemember was observed in the parking lot adjacent to an on-post club wearing an earring in both ear lobes. When approached by military police and asked to show his military identification card, the servicemember refused to produce his ID. Additional military police were dispatched to the scene and upon arrival the servicemember began making provoking statements to the MPs. The servicemember was subsequently transported by the MPs to the local provost marshal's office where he was advised of his legal rights. The servicemember refused to cooperate with military police and was not questioned or asked to render a written statement to the offenses. Later, the duty judge advocate officer stated that enough probable cause existed to title the servicemember with the above offenses. The servicemember was then released to his unit.

■ At 6:04 p.m. March 12, Army and Air Force Exchange Service security personnel telephonically notified a military police station of shoplifting. Two patrols investigating the incident saw a servicemember, via closed circuit television, remove 20 trading cards from a display, conceal them in his sweatshirt front pocket, and exit the store without paying. AAFES security personnel detained the servicemember and escorted him to the AAFES security office, where the servicemember surrendered the merchandise. Military Police detained the servicemember and transported him to the MP station, where the servicemember was advised of his legal rights, which he waived, rendering a statement admitting to the offense. The servicemember was processed and released to his unit. The merchandise and security tape were retained as evidence on Department of the Army Form 4137.

■ Suspect was visiting victim in his room. When victim left his room, suspect stole a check made out to the victim. Suspect forged the victim's name and cashed the check for \$450. Suspect was identified and arrested.

## Sgt. Maj. Board first to use automated system

### Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The upcoming Command Sergeant Major, Sergeant Major and Sergeant Major Course Selection Board will be the first promotion board that will use a totally automated Enlisted Selection Board System.

The 2004 Command Sergeant Major, Sergeant Major and Sergeant Major Course Selection Board will convene at the U.S. Army Enlisted Records and Evaluation Center, Indianapolis, June 3. This board will be conducted using the ESBS.

The ESBS eliminates the need for hardcopies of Soldiers' photos, enlisted record brief official military personnel file, and if submitted, a memorandum to the board president. The documents will all be submitted to the voting members as an electronic file.

"Based on the successful test results of five previous enlisted boards, we're ready to go ahead and fully implement this system," said Robert Wagner, chief of the Department of the Army Secretariat at Enlisted Evaluation and Records Center.

Noncommissioned officers eligible for the board can review their electronic board file via the EREC Web site at <https://www.hrc.army.mil>, by clicking on Human Resources Command Indianapolis, and then "Promotion File."

Within the promotion file there are several tabs (OMPF, Photo, ERB, and Statements). NCOs eligible for this board should check the OMPF for missing or incorrect documents, review the photo to ensure it is current and screen the ERB to ensure the data is correct. Also, NCOs eligible to be considered for command sergeant major must process an acceptance or declination statement.

Soldiers who do not want to be considered for promotion to sergeant major or attendance at the SMC can execute a declination statement.

Memorandums written to the board president will be scanned into the electronic board files for presentation to board members.

NCOs eligible for consideration by this board must still review and sign a hardcopy ERB at their servicing personnel offices.

A hardcopy board record will be assembled as a backup for this first electronic board.

For more information about the upcoming board call the DA Secretariat Board Support Branch at 317-510-3641/3642/3691.

**Editor's note:** Information submitted by Human Resources Command Public Affairs Office.

## DFAS announces new civilian pay raise processing plan

### Army News Service

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Defense Finance and Accounting Service began processing the retroactive pay increase March 13 for federal general schedule employees directed by the Executive Order signed by President George W. Bush March 3. The retroactive pay increase is effective Jan. 11.

As the personnel actions authorizing the increase are received from the responsible civilian personnel offices, DFAS will process the retroactive pay increases during its routine nightly civilian pay system personnel updates.

Processing of the retroactive pay increase for several specific groups of federal employees paid by DFAS will proceed according to the following schedule.

This schedule is contingent upon DFAS having received and successfully processed the civilian personnel actions.

#### Pay period that ended March 20:

Executive Office of the President

Overseas employees paid on the second Thursday payday

Overseas employees paid on the first Friday payday

Navy shipyard employees

Most other defense agencies

#### Pay period ending April 3:

Department of Energy

Three groups, comprised primarily of Army, Air Force and Navy employees, will be processed over the course of two pay periods, due to the large number of employees in each of these databases. Approximately one half of the employees in these groups will be processed during each of the two pay periods.

In order to conduct these large pay system updates in a

reliable manner, specific agencies and major commands within those agencies have been selected for processing each pay period. All employees within the major commands selected will be processed during the specified pay period, provided that the DFAS civilian pay system has received and successfully processed the employees' personnel actions.

Employees in these three groups can expect to see the retroactive adjustments.

#### Impact of Intervening Personnel Actions

Some personnel actions may have been processed during this retroactive period. These are referred to as intervening personnel actions. If an intervening personnel action(s) has been processed for an employee during the Jan. 11 to mid/late March timeframe, the payroll system's retroactive process will calculate and pay from Jan. 11, and stop at the date of the intervening personnel action.

If there was more than one intervening action, the retroactive process will stop at the date of the first action. The responsible civilian personnel office must process pay corrections for the intervening action(s) and send them to DFAS. The payroll system will then pick up and complete the retroactive processing for the remainder of the prior pay periods.

This will happen at a later date than the implementation dates set out above. It may take several months for all of the civilian personnel offices to process corrections to these intervening actions.

Increases for federal wage system employees will be processed during the pay period in which the personnel action is received from civilian personnel offices. At this time, personnel actions for FWS employees have not yet been received.

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## NEWS & NOTES

### JROTC Scholarships

The Yongsan Sergeants Major Association will award five \$1,000 scholarships to Seoul American High School JROTC students. Scholarships are to offset the financial burden of high school seniors not receiving four-year ROTC scholarships. JROTC students who are seniors this year are eligible to apply. Based on the theme "Leadership excellence starts here," scholarship applicants must write 300-400 word essays on the theme. Applications are available at the school guidance counselor office or the JROTC office. The deadline for applying is Thursday.

### AFCEA Scholarships

High school seniors majoring in engineering, information technology, computer sciences and other related fields are eligible for five \$1,000 scholarships from the Seoul Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association Chapter. Seniors from any Department of Defense Dependent Schools in South Korea are eligible. School counselor offices have application packets, or students may contact Easter Bruce, AFCEA director of scholarships, at 011-9671-0148 or e-mail Bruceev@usfk.korea.army.mil. Scholarship applications and supporting documents are due by noon April 15. Students will be notified by April 20.

### Three on Three Basketball Jam

The Pi Eta Zeta Chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. and the Alpha Omega Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. are sponsoring their first Blue and White Three on Three Basketball Jam April 17 at the Camp Casey Carey Fitness Center. Registration will be held 10-11 a.m. The entry fee is \$12 per team (minimum of three persons). Proceeds will go toward their annual scholarship fund. For more information call, Amy Barnes at 016-891-5945 or Olivia Taplin at 011-9671-2515.

### Band seeks out vocalists

The 8th United States Army Band is looking for vocalists.

#### Performance areas include:

- High profile command social events
- Classical or popular music with the Concert Band
- Lead vocals in the Pop/Rock/Country Show Band
- Lead vocals while fronting the Jazz Ensemble

#### Qualifications

- Soldiers interested must be:
  - In the rank of private first class through sergeant first class
  - Not be a bonus military occupational speciality recipient
  - Have six or more months remaining in Korea or be willing to extend
  - Look good in uniform/meet height weight standards
  - No adverse administrative or Uniformed Code of Military Justice actions pending.
- For more information or to apply, call Sgt. Maj. David Doyon at 725-7135 or e-mail: doydond@usfk.korea.army.mil.

## Why Korea is becoming the Duty Assignment of Choice



CPL. OHN SANG-JOON

Cha Lortz (left), Camp Carroll Army Community Service intake coordinator, meets with Spc. Krystal Stepnowski (center) and Spc. Latisha Pond, both from the 501st Chemical Company, following the ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the ACS renovation. The six-week renovation costing \$5,400 includes new front entrance ramps for handicapped accessibility and an office for Financial and Employment Readiness. See related story on Page 25.

## Tax center warns of tax fraud

By Capt. Bonnie L. Dunlop

Yongsan Tax Center

**YONGSAN** — "Taxes are what we pay for a civilized society." — Oliver Wendell Holmes.

In a perfect world, Justice Holmes' statement on the duty of citizens to pay their taxes would be enough encouragement for everyone to fulfill his duty regarding taxation in a fair and honest fashion.

Pop culture sometimes fills the airwaves with conflicting messages that seem to make cheating on taxes appear acceptable.

Tax fraud is never acceptable.

It is a crime and it can subject the person engaging in tax fraud to serious penalties.

According to Title 26 of the United States Code section 7201 "(a)ny person who willfully attempts to evade or defeat any tax imposed by this title or the payment thereof shall, in addition to other penalties provided by law, be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction" be subject to:

- Imprisonment of up to five years;
- A fine of up to \$250,000; or
- Both, together with the costs of prosecution.

Tax fraud takes many shapes and forms, including: deliberately underreporting or omitting income, overstating the amount of deductions, keeping two sets of books, making false entries in books or records, claiming personal expenses as business expenses, claiming false deductions,

or hiding or transferring income. Additionally, even if an individual does not directly prepare the false return, if that individual assists another person with the fraud, the assistant is just as guilty.

The Yongsan Tax Center works hard to ensure that taxes are prepared properly and within the law.

Clients are required to provide proof of the exemptions, deductions and credits that they are claiming.

Such proof includes social security cards for dependants, W-2s, 1099 statements, receipts for expenses or contributions, etc.

If married filing jointly, spouses are required to either both be present to sign tax returns or one spouse must have a signed power of attorney from the absentee spouse.

Although providing proof may be an inconvenience for the taxpayer, it is necessary.

Tax preparers are instructed to refuse services to a client if they suspect that the client is lying or does not have proper proof.

Despite the Yongsan Tax Center's best efforts to ensure a superior and accurate product, Tax Center patrons must remember that all taxpayers are ultimately responsible for their own returns whether or not they were assisted by a tax preparer.

Staying within the law may mean that taxpayers will not get back as big a return as they would like.

Taxpayers may be lured into filing with individuals promising them bigger

refunds than the Yongsan Tax Center can offer.

This is a dangerous trap with negative consequences because tax fraud is most likely involved; and tax fraud is a crime.

Lt. Col. Craig A. Meredith, commander of Legal Services Activity-Korea, warns that servicemembers committing income tax fraud are also subject to punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Service members filing false returns, or assisting individuals in filing false returns may violate Article 107, False Statements, Article 121, Larceny, and Article 132, Frauds Against the United States.

Tax fraud can be reported to the IRS at 1-800-829-0433.

Those suspecting servicemembers of tax fraud should also report this activity through the chain of command or the Criminal Investigations Division.

### Yongsan Tax Center hours:

Monday: 1-8 p.m.

Tuesday: 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

Wednesday: 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

Thursday: 1-8 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

For more information or to make an appointment, call 725-1040.

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intolerable,” added Hagenbeck.

Where appropriate, the Army will prosecute perpetrators who fall under the Uniform Code of Military Justice using full legal authority through all the right channels while taking care of Soldiers who have been assaulted, Hagenbeck said.

At the end of the day, Soldiers need to know that they are still a part of the team, added Hagenbeck.

To ensure that current policies and programs are effective, Les Brownlee, the acting secretary of the Army, directed the establishment of a task force to review the effectiveness of the Army’s policies on reporting and addressing allegations of sexual assault. This task force will review existing processes, procedures and programs and will make recommendations for improvement.

The findings of the task force

are scheduled to be reported to the secretary of the Army in May.

Overall the Army is taking care of its Soldiers from a legal, psychological and medical angle, Hagenbeck said.

Victims currently have access to lawyers, chaplains, medical specialists, psychologists and victim witness liaisons.

Leaders at every level need to understand their responsibilities in supporting victims, and they also need to create a climate where victims feel free to report allegations, officials said.

Ensuring all leaders understand this is another goal of the task force.

During Hagenbeck’s interview with Phillips, he repeatedly emphasized that the Army is a value-based organization that takes care of its own.

“Sexual assault is a criminal offense, and one is too many,” Hagenbeck stressed.

## Scams attempt to defraud individual

### U.S. Forces Korea Public Affairs Office

**YONGSAN** — Recent months have seen an increase in the number of attempts to defraud people using advanced fee fraud schemes, commonly known as “Nigerian Fraud.”

Individuals are contacted, usually through letters, e-mail or fax, by alleged “officials” representing a foreign government or agency.

Usually, the individual will claim strong ties to Nigerian officials and supply forged official-looking documents.

They will seek assistance in overcoming a barrier keeping them from closing a transaction.

In return for a small favor, they promise a generous financial gain.

The most common forms of fraudulent proposals are:

- Disbursement from wills
- Contract fraud
- Real estate purchase
- Conversion of hard currency
- Transfer of funds from over-

invoiced contracts

- Sale of crude oil at below-market prices.

Victims are asked to provide personal information, such as bank account number, address and social security number.

In return, they are promised that large amounts of money will be deposited into their accounts.

Individuals receiving this type of contact should never respond and never provide any type of information.

If something seems too good to be true - it probably is.

If an individual has already lost funds, contact:

U.S. Secret Service, Financial Crimes Division  
950 H St. NW  
Washington DC 20223  
202-406-5850

If an individual has received a solicitation, contact: If fax or letter – fax to the U.S. Secret Service at 202-406-5031. If e-mail – forward copy (with extended message header) to 419.fcd@usss.treas.gov.

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For more information, call 738-3355 or e-mail morningcalmweekly@usfk.korea.army.mil.

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# Town hall nets results

Story, photo by Pvt. Stephanie Pearson  
Area I Public Affairs Office

**CAMPSTANLEY** — Camp Stanley officials held their quarterly town hall meeting at Reggie’s March 17.

“When we assembled here last January, 50 percent of our officers and noncommissioned officers living in temporary quarters were doubled up,” said Lt. Col. Brian Vines, U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Red Cloud commander. “I’m proud to tell you as of today, we

only have two officers in that situation. We have come up with creative solutions to make our housing and our barracks issues better here at Camp Stanley.”

Vines went on to say the barbershop is now open on Sundays; the post theater show times have been revised; and a shopping cart issue at the commissary has been resolved.

“A big issue right now is getting a satellite central issuing facility here at Camp Stanley,” Vines said. “Now, we do not have this issue resolved yet, but

it has worked its way up to the senior leadership level of discussion, which tells me we are getting close to that issue being resolved. And what a great well-being issue that is – that would improve not just Camp Stanley, but the entire Uijeongbu Enclave.”

At the last meeting, Soldiers talked about limited Camp Stanley recreational activities.

“We’re not offering enough recreational opportunities here on Camp Stanley,” Vines allowed. “Before our last meeting, we had our bowling center open until midnight. Now, we have our gyms open until midnight on the weekends. We will continue to increase and add many more recreational activities. One thing we are doing is renovating the community activities center into a better facility for you.” (See “Center to undergo facelift” story)

Another issue discussed at the previous town hall meeting was lack of space for the education program. Vines said they came up with a plan and funding, and now construction for a new education center will begin this summer. The new education center will be in the old post exchange building, he explained, when the new PX opens later this spring.

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*Lt. Col. Brian Vines, commander of U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Red Cloud (left) presides over a Camp Stanley town hall meeting March 17.*

## Leaders seek to improve Soldier programs

By Margaret Banish-Donaldson  
Area I Public Affairs Office

**CAMP RED CLOUD** — Area I leaders recently held an Army Family Plan Conference at Camp Casey to assess the health and sustainability of Soldiers and their family members. Delegates voted on the top 15 issues, and provided recommendations for implementation.

Afterwards, the AFAP steering committee met with Col. Jeff Christiansen, Area I commander, to discuss all 37 issues from the conference. Committee members were tasked to provide recommendations, develop practical alternatives to current policies and assess what barriers exist to policy development and implementation, and what is needed to overcome them by March 15.

“The group reached a consensus on many of the strategic approaches for execution,” Christiansen said. “Cheryl French did a great job of pulling all these items together, and coordinating with the action officers to get many of these items resolved.”

The committee members listened to the issues and recommendations, and then voted to accept them, leave them open or refer them to 8th Army.

Issues resolved and voted approved by the committee involved delays in obtaining access passes for foreign nationals; visa costs; automatic teller machines on Camp Casey and Dragon Valley; Area I curfew, and childbirth preparation classes in Area I.

Issues requiring more information from the action officers included smoking in barracks; telephone booths on Camp Hovey; alcohol rations; bike rental shop; cost of living allowance ratings for Camp Casey and Western Corridor; morale, welfare and recreation cost for trips; barrack activities at Camp Red Cloud; oral surgeon resources; underage drinking of soldiers; maintaining the barracks; street safety; diversity of MWR entertainment programs and activities; bowling center music; and the weight training area at Camp Casey Carey Fitness Center.

Some issues that were unattainable at this level and elevated to 8th U.S. Army headquarters included flat rate entitlements; Internet pricing in barracks and musical entertainment.

Two issues requiring no action where extension of Pear Blossom Cottage hours on weekends, and an enclosed playground on Camp Casey for use year round.

For detailed information on all the issues and their recommendations Soldiers and civilians can visit the Army Community Service Area I homepage on the Web at <http://ima.korea.army.mil> and click on the well-being link.

“It was good to see everyone open for change,” French said. “I really appreciate all the time and effort everyone spent on going over all these issues today, and if anyone has any new issues, they can be addressed at our next quarterly meeting in June.”

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## Center to undergo facelift

Area I Public Affairs Office

**CAMP STANLEY** — U.S. Army officials announced a \$239,000 project March 17 to renovate a community activities center in Warrior Country.

“Work will start on Thursday at the Camp Stanley CAC,” said Jimmie Dobbs, Camp Stanley community activities director. “It includes a new kitchen and restrooms, an expansion of the arts and crafts center and cyber café, plus the addition of a music room and patio.”

Last year, a Camp Stanley band took first place at the annual Battle of the Bands competition and brought in \$8,000 in winnings for Camp Stanley morale, welfare, and recreation use.

The group hoped the money would be used to build a music practice room for Camp Stanley musicians.

“I am very pleased the money was contributed to the community at Camp Stanley,” said Sgt. 1st Class Clifford Pass, the leader of the group. “It’s one of those feelings that the things you love to do have helped someone else. That was the whole motivation behind our hard work.”

The group’s wish will soon be reality, as Dobbs projected the CAC project to finish in July.

“We’re going to try to do this with a minimum of disruption of our existing programs,” Dobbs said. “The beauty shop will remain open in its current location until it’s relocation into the new shopping complex.”

Dobbs said the cyber café will be in two temporary buildings in the CAC rear parking lot.

“The CAC administrative office, Internet sign-up, telephone and cable offices will operate out of building S-2375,” Dobbs said. “The arts and crafts resale operation will be located in a temporary building in the parking lot of that building.”

The weekly Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers council meetings will be at 10 a.m. Tuesdays at Reggie’s during the renovation.



## NEWS &amp; NOTES

**Estate Claim**

Anyone with a claim against the estate of Sgt. Esau A. Zakka, of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery attached to 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment at Camp Greaves, should contact 1st Lt. Sun Koh at 730-5101.

**Taxi Comment Cards Available**

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service now offers customer comment cards for its taxi service. Cards can be found in the back seats of the taxis and can be mailed via military postal service.

**Korean as a Second Language**

Camp Howze Army Community Service is offering Korean language classes at the Pear Blossom Cottage noon-2 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information, call a local ACS office or call Joseline Harrison at 734-5846.

**Family Advocacy Prevention Specialist Sought**

The Camp Casey Family Advocacy Program is looking for a motivated, caring professional interested in providing service to Army and Department of Defense families in Area I. A bachelor's degree in social work, psychology, marriage, family and child counseling, behavioral science, education, and community or public health is preferred. Applicants should have a minimum of two years experience in family and children's services or community organization, one of which is in family violence. Please contact Marty Hewitt at 738-5514 or 011-9927-9216 if interested, or email to hewittm@usfk.korea.army.mil.

**USO Bazaar comes to Camp Casey**

The USO furniture bazaar will be at the Camp Casey USO building 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The bazaar will feature furniture, rugs, jewelry and crafts from around the world. Cash, credit cards and checks will be accepted. For more information, call 730-4812.

**Tae Kwon Do Tournament**

The Camp Stanley fitness center will hold the Warrior Invitational tae kwon do tournament at 1 p.m. Saturday. Registration, weigh-ins and medical exams will be held at the gym 10 - 11:30 a.m.

**Newcomers Orientation**

The Camp Red Cloud Army Community Service will hold its monthly newcomers orientation 8 a.m. Wednesday at the ACS classroom. For more information, call John Kang, ACS Bicultural Coordinator, at 732-7292.

**Prevention of Sexual Harassment**

Korean employee Prevention of Sexual Harassment training will be held 1-3 p.m. April 13 at the Camp Red Cloud post theater. The class will be given in Korean. For more information, call Doug Atwater at 732 - 9103.

## Program strives to end child abuse

By Stephanie Pearson

Area I Public Affairs Office

**CAMP CASEY —**

The military does not take child abuse lightly. The Army has several programs in place to help servicemembers and their families stop and prevent abuse.

These programs are highlighted during April, which has been designated Child Abuse Prevention Month.

"Child abuse crosses all racial and socioeconomic boundaries," said Kelly Clark, Area I Army Community Service family advocacy prevention specialist. "The military community is not immune to the risks and effects of child abuse," she said. "This is not a problem that will go away."

Clark explained child abuse not only affects the children, but also the parents.

"Parents who may be abusing children are distracted on the job,

leading to increased risk for accidents and other undesirable behaviors," she said. "All Soldiers are affected, whether it is their own child (being abused), the child of a co-worker, or a friend or classmate of their child."

Army Community Service offers several programs for parents, new or experienced, and people who work with or are around children daily, such as coaches, child care providers and relatives. These programs include classes on parenting, domestic violence prevention, stress and anger management, communication skills, and family building. Classes are free to all military and Department of Defense civilian identification card holders, and Clark encourages servicemembers to take advantage of them.

"Adults who may be abusing, or are afraid they may, should seek help through parenting classes or counseling," she advised.

To honor child abuse prevention month in Warrior Country, the Area I

Family Advocacy Program will debut a new Positive Parenting workshop at all six Area I Pear Blossom Cottages in April, Clark said. They also are sponsoring a blue-ribbon campaign.

"In an effort to raise awareness, the Family Advocacy Program invites you to wear a blue ribbon during the month of April," Clark said. "Blue ribbons are available at all Army Community Service and Pear Blossom Cottage locations in Area I."

Everyone in the community can play a part in stopping child abuse, Clark added. The best way to combat it is simply to be aware that it does happen, she said.

"Look for signs from children, such as withdrawal, fear of a particular person or situation, drastic changes in behavior or attitude, or grades suffering at school," Clark said. "Also, talk to children in your care, and let them know you can be trusted and are willing to help."

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## Officials unveil pavilion

**New building offers place for work and play**

Area I Public Affairs Office

**CAMPRED CLOUD —** U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Red Cloud officials unveiled a new multipurpose pavilion in a ceremony March 18.

"It's not just a covered pavilion for parties," said Lt. Col. Brian Vines, garrison commander. "There are many other uses for it."

Vines said Camp Red Cloud units

can use the new structure for military training, weapons cleaning and even to conduct inventories.

The \$30,000 project was paid for through the garrison's productivity improvement reviews.

Vines said the reviews are a way to find savings that fund additional projects.

"The money we're saving from the PIR process is going to quality of life improvements like this," Vines said.

Employees from the 15th Korean Service Corps Company constructed the pavilion adjacent to the CRC softball field.

"Because this was an in-house project, the KSC employees worked when they could," Vines said. "They finished the project on schedule."

Officials additionally announced they plan to install lighting and a brick barbecue grill at the site.

"We're also going to raise a section of the fence at the softball field," Vines said.

Vines and other dignitaries unveiled a memorial boulder with a plaque at the ribbon cutting ceremony to honor the KSC workers.



PHOTO BY PVT. STEPHANIE PEARSON

Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Area I, prepare for the grand opening of the Camp Red Cloud multipurpose pavilion March 18.



# Warriors learn how to deal with hazardous materials

Story, photo by David McNally

Area I Public Affairs Office

**CAMP CASEY** — Soldiers and civilians from units across Warrior Country are one step closer to becoming experts with hazardous materials.

Thirty-six out of 40 students successfully completed a new two-week course March 19. The 2nd Infantry Division G-3 schools debuted a Defense Packaging of Hazardous Materials for Transportation class at Camp Casey.

"We really needed this," said Staff Sgt. Jack West, a training noncommissioned officer with the school. "Anything to do with HAZMAT is an intense thing."

West said units in Area I and the 2nd Infantry Division transport a variety of hazardous materials. He said oil, transmission fluid and ammunition are all examples of hazardous materials needing special attention.

West said the division funded around \$20,000 of its training budget to bring two instructors from the United States for the course.

"We're looking at running this course again later this year," West said. "This was the first time we did it, and we wanted to see how it would work."

The course has been offered at other U.S. Army installations in Korea; however, this was the first time the 2nd Infantry Division offered the course.

The students and instructors agreed: the course is challenging.

"It was scary when they sat all those books down in front of you," Sgt. 1st Class Tyrone Dawson. "Now that it's over, I feel great. I have all the knowledge in the world and am ready to go out and do the job."

Dawson, the motor sergeant for the 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery at Camp Stanley, had never dealt with the transportation of hazardous materials before.

"Military courses are normally not very hard," Dawson said, "But, when I first got into this class, it was all Greek to me."

"It was tough," said Staff Sgt. Jonathan Zepeda, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery, "but as long as you took good notes and kept tabs on your papers, it was ok."

West said the division is taking a better look at their environmental programs. He said they hope to make U.S. Army units in Korea more proactive.

"What makes this class so important," West said, "is they are going to become certifiers now. These students can go back to their units and certify loads of HAZMAT."

West said whenever you ship a hazardous product; somebody has to certify it has been properly packaged.

During the graduation ceremony remarks, Lt. Col. Brian Vines, commander



Sgt. 1st Class Tyrone Dawson, the battalion motor sergeant for 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment, makes a point during his graduation from the Defense Packaging of Hazardous Materials for Transportation class at Camp Casey March 19.

of U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Red Cloud, told the Soldiers and civilians the importance of their success in the course.

"You are the stewards of our environment," Vines said. "The environment you leave when you depart Korea is what the folks that follow us will inherit. We want to leave them a good environment."

Vines presented the honor graduates with arrowhead coins on behalf of Maj. Gen. John R. Wood, the commanding general of the 2nd Infantry Division. There was a three-way tie for honor graduate among Staff Sgt. Brian Gale, Headquarters and Headquarters Company,

1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, Spc. Shane Fansler, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Division Support Command, and Cho Chong-uk, a Korean employee with the 19th Theater Support Command.

"The documents are legal documents," said Randy Weber, a training specialist with School of Military Packaging Technology, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. "It's a difficult course because it's like reading law."

Weber said the graduates are certified now for two years.

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## Luncheon honors local police

By Pvt. Stephanie Pearson

Area I Public Affairs Office

**CAMP CASEY** — Rain, snow, sleet or hail will not stop them. Every day they are outside, day and night, getting the job done. They are not the U.S. Postal Service; they are the local Korean National Police, and they are hard at work protecting U.S. military installations in Korea.

Lt. Col. Stephen Murray, U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Casey commander, hosted an appreciation lunch March 17 at the Warrior's Club to honor the KNP's commitment to keeping U.S. Army bases in Korea safe.

The KNPs play an important part in base security, Murray said.

"They help all of us accomplish our mission here," he said. "We don't have to have Soldiers tasked out from units to stand guard at the gates on a daily basis so they can train for their primary mission, which is to be prepared to fight in battle. With the KNPs standing guard for us, we're able to do our job."

Murray wanted to let them know he appreciates their sacrifices. The luncheon was a way to show appreciation for the Korean National Police who guard the front gates, he said. It's particularly appreciated in the winter.

"Every day you come in and out the gates and see them there in inclement weather, standing guard and

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Cho Kwang-jin (right) assists his co-worker place concertina wire around the Camp Hovey fence line March 19.

## Garrison augments security

Area I Public Affairs Office

**CAMP HOVEY** — Workers continue to augment security measures in the Camp Casey Enclave.

As part of an extensive multiyear contract to maintain and construct perimeter fencing and concrete walls, workers placed concertina wire along the existing chain link fence around Camp Hovey March 19.

"It's a lot of work," said Cho Chae-hoon, an inspector with the Camp Casey directorate of public works. "They started this project in January."

Cho said it is his job to periodically inspect the progress of the contract.

"This project cost about \$141,000," Cho said.

The contract also called for replacing deteriorated boundary fence, replacing barriers near a gate and the installation of a new vehicle gate.

Camp Casey officials said work to maintain the fence line goes on all the time.

"You should see how they put fencing on the side of this hill on Camp Casey," said Lt. Col. Stephen Murray, commander of U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Casey. "It is amazing how they got the equipment back there."

Murray said he is proud of the work the contractors do to make the enclave more secure.

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protecting us,” Murray said. “We’ve wanted to do something like this for them for some time now.”

The luncheon started at the Warrior Club, where KNP senior leadership joined Murray and his force protection staff for a meal. After introductions were made, the group enjoyed a buffet and got to know each other better. Following the meal, the visiting officials boarded a bus with Murray for a tour of the post. Murray made a point to show them the parade field where the division change of command ceremony will be held.

During the ceremony, he explained, “The provost marshal and the military police will be in charge of traffic control inside the gate. We’ll have thousands of Soldiers out on that parade field for the change of command, and we’re

definitely going to be relying on the KNPS to help with the traffic outside the gate.”

The base tour ended near gate one, where a busload of young KNPs waited for Murray’s arrival. After Murray thanked them for their efforts, the KNPs were given a lunch of hot soup and sandwiches from a serving line that had been set up at the site.

The event didn’t end there. After they ate, Murray presented the KNPs with boxes of ramen noodles and cases of sodas to take back to their headquarters for those who couldn’t attend the lunch.

“I’m glad we were finally able to do this,” Murray said. “It was long overdue.”

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*Sgt. Maj. Eva Webb, (right) the senior noncommissioned officer for U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Casey passes out meals to Korean National Policemen March 17.*

## Stanley

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The old education center will become an Army post office with its own ZIP code.

“No longer will your mail have to go to Camp Red Cloud when it leaves Camp Stanley,” Vines said. “That will at least knock off several days in getting your mail to its destination,” he added.

Other projects in the works include asphaltting an area for multipurpose use, the possible addition of a bubble gym and adding community kitchens to the barracks on Camp Stanley.

“Everything we do is part of a domino effect,” Vines said, “and the town hall meetings allow Soldiers to connect the dots as to what the future is going to look like.” The town hall meeting is a forum for Soldiers and civilians to take an active role in the community, Vines said. It’s also an opportunity for the command to inform Soldiers of the changes being made, often as a result of previous town hall meetings.

“The meetings allow us to tell

Soldiers what our vision is for the future of Camp Stanley,” Vines said. “This is our opportunity to communicate with them. We consider them our customers, and this is our chance to see what our level of customer service is.”

“This is your opportunity to voice your concerns about the community, and allow us to use our resources to help improve the quality of life and your well-being here on Camp Stanley,” Vines told the attendees. “We want to make Camp Stanley a better place to serve.”

The meeting opened with an update of all the changes since the last meeting, so “you can have an understanding town hall meetings work,” Vines said.

**Editor’s note:** For more on the Camp Stanley town hall meeting, look in the April 2 edition of the Morning Calm Weekly.

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## Area II welcomes grand opening of Pizza Hut, Subway

**Story, photo by Cpl. Kim Hee-jin**  
 Area II Public Affairs Office

**YONGSAN** — A grand opening ceremony celebrating Pizza Hut and Subway operations in The Dragon Hill Lodge was held March 19.

Paul G. Stenseth, Army and Air Force Exchange Service general manager, said opening of the Pizza Hut and Subway facilities at the Dragon Hill Lodge has been an ongoing plan, started in early 2003.

“It’s the center of the community. We have both civilians and military coming through Dragon Hill Lodge and high utilization by the local community members as well. We felt like this was the perfect place to add these two food concepts,” said Stenseth.

The Pizza Hut offers Personal Pan Pizza, Buffalo wings, Pasta Bakes, several different types of bread sticks, sandwiches and their pizza. “We are looking forward to adding delivery service for busy people in Yongsan who don’t get out to eat often,” said Stenseth. The Subway offers a whole line of sandwiches, including some



*Paul Stenseth, Army and Air Force Exchange Service general manager; Billy Hautt, AAFES area manager; Col. Timothy K. McNulty, commander, Area II Support Activity; Brig. Gen. John A. Macdonald, director, Installation Management Agency-Korea Region and Rich Gorman, general manager Dragon Hill Lodge participate in a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Pizza Hut-Subway grand opening March 19.*

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## Commissaries sell groceries at cost

**By Bonnie Powell**  
 Defense Commissary Agency

**FORT LEE, Va.** — No pain, no gain is a common expression. Bargain hunters go from grocery store to grocery store seeking the best buys but they may also end up paying more for other items that aren’t on sale. A lot of pain, not much gain.

Why do all that when DeCA commissaries sell groceries at cost, saving authorized customers an average of 30 percent or more over commercial grocery prices?

Commercial stores are profit-motivated. They can offer popular items at below cost to get customers in their store – and make it up on other items that are priced much higher. There’s nothing wrong with that and it has a name: loss leader.

That’s how the commercial businesses work. “But commissaries are a benefit, not a business, and sometimes people lose sight of that,” said Maj. Gen. Mike Wiedemer, director of the Defense Commissary

Agency. “It’s true we operate in a businesslike fashion, but our sole reason for being here is to deliver the benefit. Our cost is your cost.”

The prices paid by commissary customers for grocery items equals the government’s cost for those items. “Because we sell at cost, and the U.S. government covers the expenses associated with providing the benefit, that allows us to achieve an overall average customer savings of 30 percent or more over commercial grocery stores,” Wiedemer said.

That’s a benefit that is now worth about \$2,700 a year to a military family of four that shops regularly at a commissary. Put simply, “We’re here to save military families as much as we can – not make money,” said Wiedemer.

Like any commercial grocery store, commissaries also have unadvertised “sales” on hundreds of products on any given day, according to Scott Simpson, chief operating officer at DeCA. “One of the many

reasons we don’t have a ‘frequent shopper’ card is simply that everything we sell is already at cost. If a manufacturer offers us a special sale, we pass it on. Your military ID is the only ‘special card’ you need,” he said. “If an item is on sale, it’s on sale for every authorized shopper who walks into the store.”

Sometimes getting sales information to customers about what’s on sale at the commissary is difficult. Commissaries are not allowed to advertise product prices. But private vendors and manufacturers doing business in the commissary system can, and increasingly do, advertise products and prices. Many installation newspapers now carry monthly commissary shopping circulars; other vendors distribute sales information direct to the doorways of military families in housing areas. Still more hand out circulars and coupons at the door of the local commissary.

Customers can also find out what’s on sale at their local commissary by

accessing the savings aisle in the shopping section of DeCA’s Web site: <http://www.commissaries.com>. Prices aren’t listed, but it’s a safe bet that if the items are on sale, the prices are going to be below average commissary prices and well below commercial grocery store prices.

Commissary customers get an additional break by not paying any sales tax when shopping at the commissary. In some locations, that can amount to sizeable savings.

There is one cost born by customers. A 5-percent surcharge, mandated by Congress, is added at the register on the total grocery bill before coupons are deducted. “We’re frequently asked about the surcharge because people feel like that’s part of the cost of the groceries or some sort of profit,” said Wiedemer. “But the surcharge funds have nothing to do with making a ‘profit.’ The 5-percent surcharge goes right back into the military system to fund the building

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## NEWS &amp; NOTES

**The Sound of Music**

The Sound of Music Musical will be performed at the Moyer Community Service Center community theater stage 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

**SOFA Stamp Service**

Army Community Service Relocation Readiness provides Status of Forces Agreement Stamp service monthly at building 4106 room 118, 2 p.m. Tuesday. For more information, call the ACS loan closet 738-4617.

**Reunion in Korea 2004**

Affordable tour package includes roundtrip air fare from United States to Korea and return, meals, tours, with or without hotel accommodations are now available. Tour dates this year are April 19-22, May 17-20, Sept. 20-23 and Oct. 18-21. To reserve seats, visit the Reunion webpage at <http://www.korea.army.mil/pao/cr/reunion.htm> or call 723-3474 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Chosun Gift Shop**

The Chosun Gift Shop will be closed April 7 and April 10. For more information, call 738-5058.

**CYS Youth Volleyball Registration**

Child and Youth Services volleyball registration for youth ages 11-18 and coaches continues through April 2. Registration is in building 4211. For more information, call 738-8117 or 738-5567.

**Area II Volunteer of the Quarter/Year nomination**

Volunteer of the quarter and year nomination forms are now available. Deadline for applications is April 13. For more information, call Faithleen Henderson at 738-7510.

**FFPI Training**

Protect yourself and your family by attending Force and Family Protection Initiative training at 38th Chemical Detachment on Yongsan South Post. Classes will be held April 12 and 13 and May 26 and 27. For more information, call Spc. Ji An at 738-3658.

**Easter Egg Hunt**

DeCA Yongsan Commissary is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt on the Commissary side lawn 1 p.m. April 10. There are two age groups for kids, infant-3 years and 4-7 years.

**Intramural Softball League**

Registration for the unit teams will be conducted until April 18 at the Collier Field House. For more information, call 736-4032.

**Newcomers Orientation**

Newcomers orientation will be at building 4106, room 118, April 20-21. For more information, call Elizabeth Cotton at 738-7186.

**Language Classes**

■ English as a second language class meets 5:30-6:30 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday at building 4106, room 124. This class is open to all ID card holders. To register call 738-7505.

■ Korean language class meets 10-11 a.m., 11a.m.-noon, 5:30-6:30 p.m., 6:30-7:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday at building 4106, room 124. This class is open to all ID card holders, to register please call 738-7505.

## SAHS excels in Terra Nova Test

Story by Linus Lee

Area II Public Affairs Office

**YONGSAN** — Seoul American High School students took the annual Terra Nova Test March 16-18.

The Terra Nova Test is an assessment test that is intended to sample the many and varied skills represented in selected content areas. Schools in the United States and Department of Defense Dependent Schools take this annual test during the middle of the third quarter. The subjects are reading and language arts, mathematics, science and social studies.

The Terra Nova compares SAHS with other students from the United States and it compares SAHS to other students from DoDDS. SAHS scores are above average in both comparisons to U.S. and DoDDS schools, according to Frank Palomares, SAHS guidance counselor. "After completed it gets sent to the publishers, CTB/McGraw-Hill to be graded," he said.

Before taking the Terra Nova, freshmen, sophomores and juniors took a practice Terra Nova March 12. On the first day of the test, March 16, SAHS students took the language arts portion of the Terra Nova, which includes reading comprehension and sentence grammar corrections.

Mathematics and science free response questions were taken March 17, and social studies and science completed the series of the Terra Nova. Seniors are exempt from this test because it was created to evaluate students in grades third through 11th.

"It is expected that SAHS will do as well, if not better, than those in previous years," said Palomares. Terra Nova is our only comprehensive test of basic skills, our only standardized comprehensive test. All other testing in DoDDS is subject matter related."

"The Terra Nova tests are extremely important assessments. Although we use a variety of indicators (i.e. other

test formats, students grades, etc.)," said SAHS Principal Keith Henson. "The Terra Nova test is our single most important standardized test indicator of student achievement. Our students know the importance of these tests and we always encourage them to do their absolute best."

The Terra Nova will not affect the students' grade point average or acceptance to college. This test has no relation to the Standardized Assessment Test or the ACT Assessment Test. It is simply taken by students for an evaluation for teachers. The results from the Terra Nova will also prepare teachers for the upcoming school evaluation in 2005.

"As much as I hate taking tests, the Terra Nova is a good way to show off our knowledge," said junior Jessica Lee. "It is my final year taking this test, so I must motivate myself to do my best. SAHS does well every year, but we must maintain this image."

## Area II commemorates Women's History Month

Story by Pvt. Park Jin-woo

Area II Public Affairs Office

**YONGSAN** — March is dedicated to commemorate the contributions that women have made to the nation. This year's theme for the observance is "Women: Inspiring Hope and Possibility."

The observance is designed to enhance cross-cultural awareness and promote harmony among all

military members, their families and the civilian work force.

"Through their tireless service on a daily basis, the women of our nation have woven the fabric of families and communities. They contribute immeasurably through faith based and community organizations," said President Bush, during his proclamation of the Women's History Month. He continued, "Our nation's women could not be where they are,

nor could our country be where it is without the strength and courage, wisdom and persistence of those who preceded them."

"Finally, from the sacrifice of mothers and grandmothers to the dedication of successful women in business, government and charitable work, the legacy of women in America gives all young people in this

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## DHL parking areas receive fresh coat of asphalt



PHOTO BY JOHN A. NOWELL

Road grading contract workers smooth out the Dragon Hill Lodge parking lot in phase one of the four repaving projects around the DHL, Harvey's Club, the Soldier's Support Center (also known as the 1st Replacement Center), the POiNT and the Hartell House. The repaving project began on March 15 and is scheduled for completion by mid-April. Vehicle operators should use the parking garage and cautioned to follow directive signs to avoid areas scheduled for repaving, said officials.



## Students learn Yongsan history



PHOTO BY JOHN A. NOWELL

Karl Swanson, historian with the U.S. Forces Korea, briefs visiting students from the Seoul School of Integrated Science and Technology, also known as aSSIST, during their tour of Yongsan Garrison coordinated by the Area II Public Affairs Office Tuesday. Swanson explained the history of the Medal of Honor and background on some of the 131 MOH recipients depicted in the Hall of Heroes at the William F. Dean Heritage Center.

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country the impetus to dream without limits," Bush said.

The Area II Equal Opportunity office hosted the commemoration ceremony at Dragon Hill Lodge March 17. Opening remarks were made by Sgt. Tania Richardson. The Area II Equal Opportunity Advisors prepared a slide show presentation that showed photos of women Soldiers in the U. S. Forces Korea and the history of

women's contribution in the Army. Also the Yongsan Girl Scouts of America presented a Reader's Theater. Samia Mounts, acting principal of the Seoul American Middle School, talked about her life reflections and how she managed to be a woman for herself. The guest speaker of the day was Faithleen Henderson, installation volunteer coordinator. After the ceremony everyone attended a luncheon on the DHL Mezzanine.



PHOTO BY CPL. KIM HEE-JIN

First Sgt. Geanice Boone, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 34th Support Group, one of many senior noncommissioned officers serving in the U.S. Army, follows in the footsteps of those women who showed strength, courage, wisdom and persistence in serving their nation.

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healthy low-fat choices and five different types of breads such as oregano and parmesan, honey and oat, white and wheat, the same offerings found stateside.

“I think it’s great. Soldiers can one-stop-shop, Pizza Hut and Subway. It’s healthy and tastes good,” said Capt. Paul C. Graves, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 18th Medical Command, company commander.

“We are really glad that we can offer some more choices to the community, helping Area II become ‘The Assignment of choice in the Republic of Korea’” said Stenseth.

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of new commissaries and the improvement of existing stores for our customers,” he said.

Commissary customer satisfaction surveys consistently rank the commissary as the No. 1 military benefit, and military quality of life surveys consistently rank commissaries among the top two benefits, said Wiedemer. “But yet, there still seems to be a lack of realization that at the heart of their benefit is the ability to buy groceries at cost.

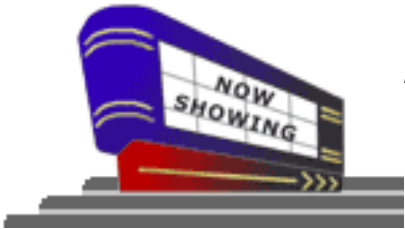
“Our intention is to spread the word and make sure the commissary benefit is being fully used by active duty, Guard and Reserve, and retired military families,” he said. “It simply doesn’t make sense for anyone to spend valuable time and gas running all over town to save on a few items when shopping regularly at the commissary can result in savings of 30 percent or more!”





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# AT THE MOVIES

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Casey 730-7354	Cold Mountain	Hidalgo	Starsky And Hutch	Starsky And Hutch	Hidalgo	My Baby's Daddy	My Baby's Daddy
Essayons 732-9008	No Show	Torque	No Show	Along Came Polly	Twisted	No Show	The Butterfly Effect
Garry Owen 734-2509	No Show	Twisted	Torque	Torque	Along Came Polly	No Show	The Butterfly Effect
Greaves 734-8388	Twisted	Torque	Twisted	No Show	No Show	Along Came Polly	The Butterfly Effect
Henry 768-7724	The Butterfly Effect	Twisted	Twisted	Cold Mountain	No Show	No Show	No Show
Humphreys 753-7716	Hidalgo	Hidalgo	Starsky And Hutch	Starsky And Hutch	The Butterfly Effect	The Butterfly Effect	Cold Mountain
Hialeah 763-370	Twisted	Torque	Along Came Poly	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
Hovey 730-5412	My Baby's Daddy	Starsky And Hutch	Hidalgo	Cold Mountain	Starsky And Hutch	Cold Mountain	The Perfect Score
Howze 734-5689	Big Fish	Along Came Polly	The Butterfly Effect	No Show	No Show	No Show	Starsky And Hutch

### My Baby's Daddy



This comedy tells the story of three young men (Griffin, Anderson, Imperoli) forced to take responsibility for their children when their girlfriends (Ling, Parker, Bacalso) all get pregnant. The fathers-to-be embark on a hilarious and often touching journey learning as much about themselves as they do about love and fatherhood.

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### Cold Mountain



Cold Mountain tells the story of Inman (Jude Law), a wounded confederate soldier who is on a perilous journey home to his mountain community, hoping to reunite with his pre-war sweetheart, Ada (Nicole Kidman). In his absence, Ada struggles to survive, and revive her father's farm with the help of intrepid young drifter Ruby (Renee Zellweger).

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Location Phone No.	March 26	March 27	March 28	March 29	March 30	March 31	April 1
Kunsan 782-4987	Welcome to Mooseport	Welcome to Mooseport	The Butterfly Effect	No Show	The Butterfly Effect	Cold Mountain	My Baby's Daddy
Long 721-3407	Barbershop 2	No Show	Barbershop 2	Return of the King	No Show	No Show	No Show
Osan 784-4930	Spartan	Spartan	Spartan	The Butterfly Effect	The Butterfly Effect	Cold Mountain	Cold Mountain
Page 721-5499	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
Red Cloud 732-6620	Starsky And Hutch	The Butterfly Effect	The Butterfly Effect	Cold Mountain	Cold Mountain	No Show	Spartan
Stanley 732-5565	Cold Mountain	Cold Mountain	My Baby's Daddy	My Baby's Daddy	No Show	Spartan	The Big Bounce
Yongsan I 738-7389	Spartan	Spartan	Spartan	Cold Mountain	Cold Mountain	My Baby's Daddy	Barbershop 2
Yongsan II 738-7389	My Baby's Daddy	My Baby's Daddy	My Baby's Daddy	Barbershop 2	Barbershop 2	Barbershop 2	The Big Bounce
Yongsan III 738-7389	My Baby's Daddy	My Baby's Daddy	My Baby's Daddy	Barbershop 2	Barbershop 2	Barbershop 2	Along Came Polly



# Chaplain's Corner...It's what inside that counts

By Chaplain (Col.) Sam Boone  
U.S. Forces Korea Chaplain's Office

**YONGSAN** — Children have a wonderful way of expressing themselves. When assigned an essay on “anatomy” one youngster wrote the following: “Your head is kinda round and hard and your brains are in it and your hair is on it. Your face is the front of your head and is where you eat and make faces. Your neck is what keeps your head out of your collar. It's hard to keep clean. Your stomach is something that if you don't eat often enough it hurts ... and spinach won't help none. Your spine

is a long bone in your back that keeps you from folding up. Your back is always behind you ... no matter how quick you turn around. Your arms are what you pitch with and so you can reach for the butter. Your fingers stick out of your hands. Your feet are what you run on, and your toes are what always get stubbed. And that's all there is on you 'cept what's inside, and I ain't seen that yet.”

Next time you pass a house of worship ... I encourage you to ponder the words of childhood innocence. What are the “things” that stick out to you? Do you see the steeple ... the

columns, the religious symbols, the stained glass ... to many people, “that's all there is ... 'cept what's inside, and they ain't seen that yet!” But the beauty on the inside is even more awesome – the clatter of children up and down the hall ... the toddler teething in the nearest chair ... the teacher praying before he begins a lesson ... the usher making last minute adjustments ... the friendly chatter as the sanctuary begins to fill ... the sound of soft music that calls us to meditation ... the up-lifted voices of the choir ... the warm handshake of someone unknown - but who is just a friend you have not met - until now ...

the word ministering to what's inside ... people responding to that word.

That what's on the inside, and that is what I pray that people will see ... for it's what's on the inside that makes the church the church. I encourage you to join with the community of faith in your area this weekend as we explore “what's inside ... for it's what's inside that counts!”

**Editors Note:** Chaplain (Col.) Sam Boone is the U.S. Forces Korea Command Chaplain. He is the co-pastor of the 8 a.m. collective Protestant worship service at Memorial Chapel, Yongsan Garrison.

## Area II Worship Services

Protestant			
Contemporary	Sunday	10 a.m.	Multipurpose Training Facility
Episcopal	Sunday	10 a.m.	Memorial Chapel
Chruch of Christ	Sunday	2 p.m.	South Post Chapel
United Pentecostal	Sunday	10 a.m.	Memorial Chapel
Church International			
Collective	Sunday	8 a.m.	Memorial Chapel
		9:30 a.m.	121 Hospital Chapel
		9:30 a.m.	Hannam Village Chapel (Korean)
		10 a.m.	South Post Chapel
		11 a.m.	Hannam Village Chapel
		Noon	South Post Chapel
		1 p.m.	K-16 Community Chapel

Collective	Sunday	6 p.m.	South Post Chapel
		7 p.m.	Camp Colbern Chapel
Korean	Tuesday	6 p.m.	Camp Colbern Chapel
	Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Memorial Chapel
KCFA	2nd Tuesday	11:45 a.m.	Memorial Chapel
	3rd Tuesday	11:45 a.m.	Memorial Chapel

### Catholic

Mass	Sunday	8 a.m.	South Post Chapel
		11:30 a.m.	Memorial Chapel
	Tuesday	12:05 p.m.	121 Hospital Chapel
		7 p.m.	South Post Chapel
	Mon/Wed/Thur/Fri	12:05 p.m.	Memorial Chapel

Mass	Saturday	5 p.m.	Memorial Chapel
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### Jewish

	Friday	6 p.m.	Memorial Chapel
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# Youth bowlers compete in masters tournament



PHOTO BY CPL. KIM HEE-JIN

Joseph Alaniz, 11 and under champion, bowls his practice set at Yongsan Lanes, Main Post. The first Youth Masters Bowling Tournament was held March 7 at Yongsan Lanes.

By Jennifer Anderson

Area II Public Affairs Office

**YONGSAN** — Bowling may be a hobby for some and a sport for others. But some Area II youth see bowling as a way of pursuing their educational goals. This month Area II youth took part in two bowling tournaments and some walked away with scholarships.

The first Youth Masters Bowling Tournament was held March 7 at the Yongsan Lanes on Main Post. One week later, the Far East Military Zone Youth Bowling Championships was also held at Yongsan Lanes.

"Bowling is one of the few sports from which youth from the Pacific area can earn a scholarship. Participants of the Young American Bowling Alliance here in Area II meet three times a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays for practices and Saturday mornings for games," said Tom Bruce, Morale, Welfare and Recreation marketing manager for Area II.

The Area II youth who participated in The Youth Masters Bowling Tournament participated in eight consecutive games that were followed by an elimination handicap match play round between the four division winners.



Jiovanna Bruce and Chris Baker were the division winners of the scratch category. Victoria Wallace and Matthew McDuffie won in the handicap category.

Each of the four division champions won scholarships worth \$250, provided by Scholarship Management and Accounting Reports for Tenpins managed by YABA.

Yongsan Lanes hosted youth athletes from Korea in the 2004 Far East Military Zone Championships March 13-14, concurrent with tournaments in Japan and Okinawa. All bowlers from these Far East locations competed to determine the representatives of the Far East

Military Zone in this year's Pepsi Youth Bowling Championships and the USA Junior Gold Bowling National Championships, which will be held in



Dallas July 10-22.

Eighty-four youth bowlers in six divisions participated and competed for

\$1,400 in scholarships. Among these youth were multiple year champions, Bruce and Baker, who traveled to Winterhaven, Fla. in 2002 and St. Louis in 2003 to represent the Far East region in the Junior Olympic Gold Championships.

In this year's Far East Military Zone Championship tournament, Area II youth won the four age 12 and above Division Championship positions. Victoria Wallace and Samuel Wilson won the handicap division while Bruce and Baker were victorious in the scratch division.

For more information about the youth bowling league, contact the Yongsan Lanes at 723-7203 or visit the YABA Web site at <http://www.bowl.com/bowl/yaba/>.

## Korea Division Champs

(Bottom row from left to right) Rachael Barisich and Joseph Alaniz were the 11 and under champions. (top row left to right) Victoria Wallace, Samuel Wilson, Jiovanna Bruce and christopher Baker were the 12 and above Champions.



PHOTO BY CPL. KIM HEE-JIN







### USA Express tours Korea

USA Express isn't your typical band ... the group is comprised of nine active duty soldiers hand picked from the All-Army Battle of the Bands and Stars of Tomorrow competitions. Their music set consists of everything from classical hits to rap and is worth seeing. Enjoy an evening of entertainment. Check out USA Express as they tour Korea through April. USA Express performance schedule. Times are to be announced.

Today	Camp Stanley Reggie's Cafe
Saturday	Camp Greaves Notri Club
Monday	Suwon Scud Busters Club
Tuesday	Camp Humphrey's Community Activities Center
Wednesday	Camp Henry Henry's Place
Thursday	Camp Carroll Hideaway Club
April 2	Camp Hialeah Pusan Pub

### Elliot Sloan to perform at U.S. installations

Eliot Sloan is the lead singer and songwriter for the pop group Blessid Union of Souls. Experience the sounds of Eliot Sloan at one of his upcoming performances.

Tuesday	Camp Casey, Primo's	8 p.m.
Wednesday	Camp Red Cloud, Mitchells	8 p.m.
Thursday	Osan Air Base	8 p.m.
April 2	Kunsan Air Base, Loring Club	7 p.m.

### Arts and Crafts Contest

Entries are being accepted for the 2004 Korea Region Morale, Welfare and Recreation Arts and Crafts Contest.

Competition categories are ceramics, wood, fibers and textiles, glass, metals and jewelry, drawings, prints, water-base painting, oil-base painting, and two- and three-dimensional mixed media.

All Korea Region MWR Arts and Crafts Centers are accepting entries.

The deadline for entry is April 30 at the Yongsan Arts and Crafts Center. The awards ceremony is scheduled 3 p.m. May 12 at the Yongsan Arts and Crafts Center.

More information is available from area arts and crafts centers or community activity centers.

### Freestyle Jersey Jam

The Camp Red Cloud Better Opportunity for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers is hosting CRC BOSS Freestyle Jersey Jam 10 p.m. April 2 at CRCs Mitchell's. There will be a \$5 cover charge at the front door as well as a sign-up sheet for the open microphone. Gift certificates will be awarded to the best female jersey and best male jersey in addition to the best freestyle vocalist. For more information, call Spc. Wayne Wetzel at 732-6611.

### Osan Shopping Tour

The Camp Stanley Community Activity Center is sponsoring an Osan Overnight Shopping Tour April 3. The \$38 fee includes transportation and one night hotel lodging. Payment must be made by April 1. For more information, call 732 - 5366.

## Humphreys club renamed after long-time manager

Story by Mike Mooney

Area III Morale, Welfare and Recreation Marketing Office

**CAMP HUMPHREYS** — Freedom's Inn at Camp Humphreys has a new name, and there are some changes in what the club facility will be offering in the future.

Located on main post next to the Troop Medical Clinic, Freedom's Inn has been renamed "Tommy D's" in honor of long-time manager Tom Dresel, who has been medically evacuated to Tripler Army Hospital in Hawaii.

"We decided to change the name to honor Tom and everything he has meant to the Camp Humphreys Community," said Dave Watson, director of community activities.

"Tom is one of the handful of Americans we have running the Area III Morale, Welfare and Recreation program and is one of our workhorses who does everything possible to make our program a success.

"His only weakness as a club manager and an MWR professional is his inability to say 'No' when a Soldier asks for assistance. It is not unusual for him to work 18 hours a day, seven days a week without ever asking for overtime pay or compensation time. His only interest is doing the best possible job in taking care of his Soldiers."

Dresel was the driving force behind the creation of Sarducchi's Italian Restaurant, the Hoot & Holler Sports Bar, the Alfresco Café and Triple Play — all located within the walls of the club.

Sarducchi's recently celebrated its fourth year. Unfortunately, the restaurant is being temporarily closed effective April 1 because of financial considerations. In addition, Tommy D's will no longer offer catering or party services.

"We're required to make enough money to pay the cost of operations plus," explained Area III Business Operations Chief Mike Ross, "and

Freedom's Inn has not been doing that for several years ... despite the success of Sarducchi's. The combination of high labor cost and lack of sufficient support from the community have left us no alternative but to suspend operations for the present time."

Triple Play — which features Mean Gene's Burgers, Hot Stuff Pizza and Chix Chicken — will continue to operate and has added a delivery service. In addition, the Hoot & Holler Sports Bar will continue to offer entertainment and special activities to the community.

Also, operations will be expanded in "The Pit" to offer more varieties of music and entertainment, such as bouncy boxing.

As for Dresel, he continues to receive treatment in Hawaii and has told Camp Humphreys officials he "will be back."

"When he returns, he'll no longer work at Freedom's Inn," Watson said. "Instead, he'll be the manager of Tommy D's."

## Bowling Center opens doors to public

Story by Mike Mooney

Area III Morale, Welfare and Recreation Marketing Office

**CAMP HUMPHREYS** — The long-awaited "official" opening of the Strike Zone Bowling Center is scheduled for 4 p.m. April 2.

Meanwhile, the "soft opening" continues with \$1 open bowling and the start of organizing summer leagues for both adults and youngsters.

"This is a state of the art facility," said Area III Chief of Business Operations Mike Ross, "and it is proving to be very popular with everyone. It's a beautiful facility and, so far at least, everything seems to be working as advertised."

The 16-lane bowling center is connected to the Nitewatch Club by a doorway and is located directly across from the walk-through gate.

Food service is provided through a small inside snack bar and the full services of the Nitewatch.

The location also includes the Augusta West Miniature Golf Course, the golf driving range and is the future home of the planned Camp Humphreys Water park.

The new Strike Zone replaces a former 12-lane center that has been converted into the Camp Humphreys Elementary

School, located on the other side of the installation.

Individuals are already being recruited for summer bowling leagues on Wednesdays and Fridays as well as volunteers to help organize and run the Youth Program.

Plans are also under way for tournaments and an intramural bowling League. In addition, "specials" that combine the services of the Nitewatch and the bowling center and Augusta West and the bowling center are planned for April.

The Poong Chan Construction Co. built the new 16-lane Strike Zone at a cost of \$3.2 million. The new center features AMF Pinsetters, Qubica Automatic Scorers with 42 inch LCD color monitors over each lane, maple and pine lanes and a sound and light systems that transforms you to a New York or Los Angeles nightclub when we push a button and "go glow."

Qubica is unparalleled by any other type of scoring system and includes many features such as "ball speed".

Up to 12 bowlers can be accommodated per lane.

Three Army MWR bowling centers in Korea and only six centers throughout the world have this new system.

The center features a "private party room" along with a full service "Pro-Shop" offering a full line of bowling balls, bags, shoes as well as clothing and other bowling and sports related accessories — plus a professional U.S.-trained ball driller who is a certified member of the professional pro shop operators association.

Private bowling lessons will be available as well as many "learn to bowl" clinics and league play geared to the novice and casual bowler (or non-bowler) that just want to have fun. There will be tournaments, glow in the dark leagues as well as "special events."

There is a special "smokers only" lounge to allow customers who smoke to enjoy the facility. Bowling lockers are available as well.

The facility is available for any and all types of activities from small groups of three or four to large parties that could include entire units or large groups. children's birthday parties will be a specialty, along with promotion parties, adult birthday parties and parties for sports teams.

The Strike Zone is open 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, 11 a.m.-1 a.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-1 a.m. Saturday. The new phone number is 753-5722.

## Special concert to be held at Seoul Arts Center

U.S. Forces Korea Public Affairs Office

**YONGSAN** — The Korean American Association is sponsoring a special concert for United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command and U.S. Forces Korea personnel and families at 7:30 p.m., May 11 at the Concert Hall in the Seoul Arts Center.

The concert will be performed by the Korean Chamber Ensemble with Professor Kim Min conducting. Advance reservations are required. To reserve free concert tickets, call the USFK Public Affairs Office at 723-6367, by May 4. Reserved tickets will be picked up at the USFK Desk in the concert hall lobby prior to the concert. Guests are requested to be seated in

the concert hall by 7:10 p.m.

Casual wear such as T-shirts, blue jeans, shorts, halter tops, cut-offs, etc., are not allowed. Men's coat or jacket or sweater (with/without tie) and women's equivalent attire are recommended.

The MWR buses will depart from the Bus Terminal in front of the Moyer CSC at 6:20 p.m. and return to Moyer CSC at about 9:30 p.m. MWR will not refund unused bus tickets.

Group travel is encouraged for units and organizations that can arrange their own transportation. USFK PAO will accept group reservations. Designated contacts must provide contact information (rank or grade, name, unit or organization, office or cell phone numbers, e-mail address) and a list of personnel attending the concert by reservation deadline date.









# Gearing Up for a new mission

**Story, photos by Steve Davis**  
Area III Public Affairs Office

**CAMP HUMPHREYS** — Whether just arriving or finally leaving, Area III Soldiers headed to a brand new mission mark a milestone at the Customer Service Point here. It’s where they draw gear for their upcoming tour or turn it in when the mission is done.

To make the best of Soldiers’ time, the CSP has instituted an appointment system to smooth the issue or turn-in process.

Spc. Brian Underwood, heading from the 377th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) to a special operations unit at Fort Campbell, said getting an appointment and turning in his equipment was a snap.

“I got here on time and was turning in equipment a few minutes later,” said Underwood as his equipment was being inspected. “It took about a day to clean it, and everything seems to be going smoothly.”

Michael A. King, chief of the Organizational Clothing and Individual Equipment program that includes CSPs throughout Korea, said equipment is issued and returned according to Army standards.

“Soldiers expect us to issue them clean and serviceable equipment. Likewise, we expect Soldiers to turn in clean, serviceable equipment with no permanent markings,” said King, adding that some items with other than normal fair wear and tear may be accepted when documented by a unit commander.

“Our operation is designed to be a customer-friendly, in-and-out issue point,” he said.

He said “log jams” used to occur before the appointment system was established. Soldiers can call 753-7349 daily between 7:30-8 a.m. or noon-1 p.m. to make an appointment, or schedule an appointment through their unit supply sergeant.



Sgt. Park Jung-hwan (left) helps Pvt. Yoo Jong-won with newly issued field gear as they walk to their unit. Both are assigned to the 520th Maintenance Company at Camp Humphreys.



Pvt. Gregory Robinson checks his list before signing for the equipment issued to him. The average cost of gear issued to each Area III Soldier is \$1,600. Robinson, in Korea for barely over a week, is assigned to Company A, 2nd Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment..



Manager Cho Yong-hwan examines gear being turned in by Spc. Brian Underwood of the 377th Medical Company (Air Ambulance).



A soldier grabs a basket at the Central Issue Facility March 15 at Camp Humphreys. The Humphreys facility is one of four issuing facilities in Korea. Approximately 1,000 Area III soldiers receive gear here monthly.



## NEWS & NOTES

### 23rd ASG Spring Ball

The 23rd Area Support Group "Warrior Ethos" Spring Ball will be held 5:30 p.m.-midnight April 16 at the Camp Humphreys Community Activities Center. All 23rd ASG personnel of all ranks are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information, call 753-7136.

### Area III Paintball Championships

The Area III Paintball Championships will be held 10 a.m. April 3 at the Camp Humphreys Paintball Course. Game format is single-center flag, double elimination with double elimination in a 32-team bracket. Cost is \$125 for five-person team advance registrations before 5 p.m. today includes 1,000 paintball rounds per team. Late registration cost is \$150. Awards include team trophies for first and second places and individual medals for first and second place team members. Markers will be supplied by Camp Humphreys Outdoor Recreation. No personal markers will be allowed. Only paintballs purchased on the tournament day and specifically for the tournament are allowed. For more information, contact Jim Hogrebe at 753-8828.

### Cross Cultural Marriage Seminar

Area III and Camp Humphreys Army Community Service will conduct Cross Cultural Marriage Seminar 9 a.m.-4 p.m. April 12-13 at the Camp Humphreys Education Center. Preregistration is required by April 7. For more information, contact 753-8782.

### Volunteer of the Quarter Nominations

Nominate the Area III volunteer of the quarter, volunteer of the year and outstanding youth volunteer. Nomination forms are available at Army Community Service, building 311. The deadline for nominations is April 12. For more information,, contact Aggie Rodriguez at 753-8294.

### Free Korean Culture and Language Class

■ Read and write in Korean. Learn basic sentences. Army Community Service offers free beginner Korean language classes Wednesdays noon-1p.m. at the Camp Humphreys Army Community Service in building 311.

■ Free culture and conversational Korean classes are also taught 5:30-6:30 p.m. each Wednesday, also at ACS. For more information, call 753-8782.

### Area III Tax Center

The Area III Tax Center at Camp Humphreys is open and ready to assist soldiers with their tax filing needs. Tax assistance services are also available at Camps Eagle and Long and Suwon Air Base. Soldiers must see their unit tax advisor before coming to the Tax Center. The Tax Center is located in building 734 on Camp Humphreys next to the Pegasus Grill. For more information, call 753-3170.

### News & Notes Deadline

The deadline for submitting items for Area III News & Notes is Friday each week for publication the following Friday. For more information, call 753-8847.

# Deputy Army chaplain visits Area III, DMZ

## Discusses issues facing chaplain corps

by Steve Davis

Area III Public Affairs Office

**CAMP HUMPHREYS** – When Deputy Army Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) Jerome Haberek visited South Korea last month, he journeyed to the country's most infamous place, knelt down and prayed.

"One of the highlights of this trip was going to the middle of the Bridge of No Return in the Joint Security Area, where I knelt down with the Joint Security Area and 2nd Infantry Division chaplains," said Haberek. "We said a prayer for Republic of Korea and American Soldiers, their family members and the unification of Korea, north and south right at the dividing line. We prayed for peace."

The chaplains prayed under the watchful eyes of armed guards on both sides of the dividing line that separates the two countries.

The Bridge of No Return has seen many historic moments. It is in the middle of the most heavily defended "demilitarized" zone on Earth, where on Dec. 23, 1968, 82 crewmembers of the USS Pueblo walked to freedom across the bridge with the remains of a dead crewman 11 months after being attacked and captured off the North Korean coast in international waters.

In August 1976, Capt. Arthur G. Bonifas and 1st Lt. Mark T. Barrett were murdered by axe-wielding North Korean guards as they supervised a tree-trimming operation near the bridge. The incident sparked Operation "Paul Bunyan" and put Korea on a near-war footing.

During the Korean War, thousands of prisoners had been repatriated by walking south across the bridge.

As the chaplains prayed, peace was invoked against the backdrop of a turbulent past.

"It was a very powerful, powerful moment, putting our hand on that plate that divides those two countries and asking God to heal that which is divided," said Haberek.

In Korea to speak at National Prayer breakfasts in several locations and to visit Soldiers and Unit Ministry Teams here in Korea, Haberek — who served in Korea in 1987 — emphasized his need to be here now.

"So much energy is focused on the Iraq and Afghanistan part of the world that we forget that we have Soldiers forward-deployed here in Korea," said Haberek.

During his visit to Area III, Haberek discussed some of the issues facing the chaplain corps and Soldiers in general.

"Probably the biggest difficulty that we face everyday is the recruitment



PHOTOS BY PFC. JAMES SMITH

2nd Infantry Division Command Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Michael Tarvin (left), Deputy Chief of Army Chaplains (Brig. Gen.) Jerome Haberek and Joint Security Area Chaplain (Capt.) Brad P. Lewis pose for a photo after praying for peace at the center of The Bridge of No Return dividing the two Koreas.



of chaplains. Men and women coming into the civilian clergy are coming in at a much older age; they're coming in almost as a second career," said Haberek. "That makes it difficult for us in the military because we come into the military early, and then you leave and go on to a second career."

The Army presently has 1,357 chaplains on active duty and is looking for more.



Haberek

an attempt to attract and recruit personnel.

Haberek said there is a shortage of chaplains "across the board" that the chaplain corps tries to manage.

"Certain faith groups are critically short, so we try to manage that more intensely," he said.

"We don't have enough Roman Catholic or liturgical chaplains," said Haberek. "We tend to be short of Lutheran, Episcopal or Methodist chaplains."

Korea is presently at about 93 percent of its authorized chaplain strength. There are 72 Army chaplains serving here.

"But not having those additional five or six chaplains in Korea makes a big difference," said Haberek.

In some areas, chaplains are doing double-duty, traveling from chapel to chapel to perform services.

By percentage, Haberek said the Army has enough rabbis, but each has a wide area to cover. The same is true of five Islamic chaplains.

Haberek said there are "very few" Soldiers of Islamic faith in different units.

Therefore, an Islamic chaplain usually functions as a "generic" chaplain for a unit, but is also a focal point for Islamic Soldiers who come to him from other units or areas.

Haberek said he has seen no backlash against Islamic soldiers serving in the U.S. Army despite Islamic terrorist connections to the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks against America.

"I think most people look at others individually. That's the way it should be," said Haberek. "We are a nation built on religious tolerance and freedom, a nation built on diversity of race, religion, creed and color. That's the neat thing about America."

Haberek also commented on stress levels Soldiers and their families are facing these days.

"The chief of staff of the Army and the senior leadership are constantly looking at the army's operational tempo and trying to reduce stress," said Haberek. "I think all of us in the headquarters try to play a part in that by the programs we put in place. He said the chaplain corps' program called "Building Strong and Ready Families" helps families improve communication skills, cope with deployments and smooth the transition from the war zone to home.

Haberek said the Army chief of staff's proposal to stabilize the force by giving military families four- to seven year assignments at one duty station will help reduce stress.

"Instead of moving Soldiers every two or three years, we are hoping that we can stabilize them for up to seven years at a time," he said. "The Soldier may deploy, but the family will be able to sink roots in the community."

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*A Korean contract worker dusts debris from a newly poured sidewalk.*



*Workers build a wall near the Camp Humphreys CPX gate.*

PHOTO BY STEVE DAVIS



*Underground pipes are installed.*

## Under Construction

### Area III Public Affairs Office

**CAMP HUMPHREYS** — “Pardon my dust” has long been the slogan for the Directorate of Public Works here and, with the spring thaw, there seems to be as more “dust” than ever.

Some of the current work includes construction around the Camp Humphreys CPX gate. Walls are being built to beautify the area and concrete sidewalks and curbs are being poured.

Underground pipes and even a new road are under construction near the Area III headquarters. In the Beacon Hill area, trucks continue dumping fill dirt in an area that will become a multi-purpose field.







## Area IV a big hit at Daegu Fire Expo

Story, photos by Galen Putnam

Area IV Public Affairs Office

**CAMP HENRY** — Firefighters from throughout Area IV joined thousands of their fellow firefighters from around the globe at the Daegu International Fire & Safety Expo held March 18 Sunday at the Daegu Exhibition & Convention Center.

More than 65,000 visitors attended the event highlighting the latest in fire and safety technology and techniques.

"Everybody loved it. This was the first event like this that many of our personnel have had the opportunity to see all of the new technology and equipment," said Area IV Fire Chief Bob Purvis. "It was a good learning experience and our personnel were very proud of our equipment and were glad to be able to answer peoples' questions."

Each day firefighters from Area IV's six fire stations manned an expansive equipment display including ladder, hazardous material and pumper trucks, a hazardous material decontamination tent, air-lift pillows and other assorted gadgets. The display was a big hit with expo attendees drawing dignitaries such as Shanghai, China, Fire Chief Zhu Ha Lin and Republic of Korea Minister of Government Administration and Home Affairs Hoe Seong-gwon.

Besides the camaraderie, the expo offered Area IV personnel a professional development opportunity as well.

"It was an excellent event, very successful," said Choe Tal-cho,

assistant fire chief at the Camp Walker Fire Station. "I liked the variety of fire equipment and the classes were beneficial. We learned many useful techniques."

Rather than stand on the sidelines, Area IV firefighters were treated to VIP status and were part of the opening ceremonies alongside their local counterparts as part of the Daegu community.

"I thought it was great. The organizers and the mayor's office went above and beyond what they had to do. They really treated us well," Purvis said. "This strengthened our relationship not only with Korean firefighters but with the Korean public as well. I'm already looking forward to next year's expo."

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Zhu Ha Lin, Shanghai, China, fire chief (left) and an assistant check out the Area IV display.

Pae Chin-hyon, fire inspector, (left) and Nam Ho-hwan, crew chief, both from the Camp Carroll Fire Station, check out a heat-imaging gun at the Area IV display.

## Camp Carroll ACS sports new look, improvements

By Cpl. Ohn Sang-joon

Area IV Public Affairs Office

**CAMP CARROLL** — Army Community Service at Camp Carroll unveiled its upgraded facility featuring a new office and handicapped accessibility in a ribbon-cutting ceremony March 18.

Area IV Support Activity organizations at Camp Carroll celebrated the renovation of the facility. Camp Carroll installation manager Richard L. Young noted the "completion of a milestone at Camp Carroll" and lauded the efforts of Sandra M. Jackson, ACS program coordinator; Christine E. Moore, Apple Blossom Cottage manager; and Kevin Jung, director of the Directorate of Public Works; Camp Carroll; and the contractors.

After the ribbon-cutting ceremony, the attendants toured the facility to look at the many improvements and changes. The six-week long renovation costing \$5,400 includes new front entrance ramps for handicapped accessibility and an office for Financial and Employment Readiness.

"It improves the accessibility of the ACS facility (for) our clients. It gives us the opportunity to serve more Soldiers and families. It just makes it a more welcoming environment," Jackson said. "Before the renovation we didn't have the Financial and Employment position available on Camp Carroll, so now we added the office."

"A lot of Soldiers need financial assistance, and they have to go to Camp Henry in order to get that. About 90 percent of the clients at Camp Henry are from Camp

Carroll," said Mary O M. Belcher, the newly appointed financial and employment readiness manager. "We also didn't have an employment readiness program in here before. It's a good thing to have these programs here so it will be convenient for the Soldiers."

The new Camp Carroll ACS financial and employment readiness programs include personal financial management training, career counseling, checkbook management, Internet job search and federal résumé assistance.

The Camp Carroll ACS will conduct a résumé writing class April 8 for those who need assistance in writing their résumés before the job fair being conducted by the Army Career Alumni Program April 23 at Camp Henry.

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## NEWS & NOTES

### Evergreen Golf Club Closure

The Evergreen Golf Club on Camp Walker will be closed through Thursday for maintenance. Call Andre Thirkill at 764-4060 for more information.

### Extended Shoppette Hours

Shoppettes at Camps Walker, Carroll and Hialeah will have extended hours Thursday to May 31. The hours will be 7 a.m.-11 p.m. daily.

### Moped and Motorcycle Safety Course

The Camp Carroll Transportation Motor Pool is hosting a Moped and Motorcycle Safety Course Wednesday to April 2 at the Installation Chapel Annex. The one-day moped and experienced motorcycle rider course will be held Wednesday and the two-day basic motorcycle course will be held April 1-2. Classes will run 8 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. Mopeds and motorcycles are available to the first six riders to sign up. For more information or to register, contact Sgt. 1st Class Ronald D. Porter at 765-7726 or porterr@usfk.korea.army.mil.

### Korean American Friendship Circle

The 19th Theater Support Command headquarters is organizing a "Korean-American Friendship Circle" and is looking for interested volunteers. The friendship circle is a program that links American families from the Daegu area with college students from the surrounding area. The friendship circle is an opportunity for Americans to share their heritage, history and culture with Korean students and vice versa. Each volunteer family will sponsor two or three students organizing fun and relaxing activities with those students. For more information, call No Won-hyon, 19th Theater Support Command Public Affairs Office, at 768-7477 or 768-6638. A program briefing will be held 10 a.m. April 1 at the 19th Theater Support Command Conference Room. A make-up briefing will be held 10 a.m. April 8.

### Hangul Classes

The Daegu Health College will be offering free Hangul classes to U.S. Soldiers and family members beginning April 10. The class will meet 2-4 p.m. every Saturday for two months. For more information or to sign up, call No Won-hyon, 19th Theater Support Command Public Affairs Office, at 768-7477 or 768-6638.

### Area IV Retiree Council

The initial meeting to form an Area IV Retiree Council will be 1 p.m. April 10 in the Area IV Support Activity Community Conference Room, building 1211, on Camp Henry. All military retirees who live in Area IV are invited to attend this organizational meeting.

For more information, contact Lt. Col. Wilfred Plumley at 768-8021 or e-mail him at Wilfred.Plumley@us.army.mil

### Easter Sunrise Service

The Camp Walker Community is having an Easter Sunrise Service 7 a.m. April 11 at the Evergreen Community Club.

The speaker will be Chaplain (Col.) Richard Garrison, command chaplain, 19th Theater Support Command. Special music will be provided by "Men of Trinity" and the Camp Walker Multicultural Gospel Choir. Breakfast will be provided.

# Medics treat environment

## Soldiers team up with veteran's organization for riverfront clean-up

Story, photo by Pvt. Oh, Dong-keun

Area IV Public Affairs Office

**CAMP WALKER** — Soldiers from Company D, 168th Medical Battalion and the 154th Medical Detachment (Preventive Medicine) donned their civies and drove out to the Shincheon River in Daegu March 19 to join a local civil organization in a riverfront park clean-up effort.

More than 20 U.S. and Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldiers and approximately 40 civilians from the city's Nam-Gu district Veteran's Association came out to participate in the event to help clean the area.

"We were looking for an opportunity to do some volunteering in our community, so we talked to our KATUSAs, and gave them some of the parameters that we were looking for," said Capt. McKinley Rainey, commander, 154th Medical Detachment (Preventive Medicine). "Sgt. Kim Dong-min, who's our senior KATUSA, contacted some volunteer groups in the area and one of the groups that expressed interest in letting us volunteer with them was (the Nam-Gu Veteran's Association), and we worked it out. It turned out really well."

The day was a bit chilly considering the time of the year, but not too chilly for environmentally-friendly volunteers



1st Lt. Cynthia Billie, executive officer, Company D, 168th Medical Battalion, picks up litter on a sidewalk along the Shincheon River.

who picked up litters for two hours. They worked on an area that stretches for about one mile along the river between the Sangdong and Joongdong Bridges.

The riverfront park is popular among citizens who use the area to walk, jog, bike, picnic and play sports. The area is also popular recreation spot for American Soldiers.

"We came out today to show our appreciation to the local community for providing an area like this because we really enjoy this park," said Rainey. "Our Soldiers individually, even as groups come out here probably every week or so, so we wanted to let the community know that we appreciate them giving us nice areas like this, and we care about the people of the area as well."

Some Soldiers are impressed at how Korean people keep the country clean

compared to other nations they have visited.

"I am surprised at how clean this country is, how clean (the people) keep these places," said 1st. Lt. Karl Korpel, executive officer, 154th Medical Detachment (Preventive Medicine). "I have also been to France and Germany, but Korea is better than the other (countries)."

"I think (the environmental conditions) are pretty good here in Daegu," said Pfc. Bruce Bright, Company D, 168th Medical Battalion. "When we came down here, (the park) had some litter spots here and there, so I think what they are doing here is really good."

After the cleanup, Soldiers were treated to bread and coffee prepared by the women of the Veteran's Association. While they enjoyed the refreshments, they had the opportunity to relax and visit with the members of the association.

"Even though there are some negative feelings among some Nam-Gu citizens towards having (U.S. Forces Korea) installations in the area, (the association) has had a rally against the withdrawal of U.S. Forces in front of Camp Walker," said Kim Ki-sik, president of Nam-Gu Veteran's Association. "In addition, as one of the only civil organizations that concerned primarily about national security, we hope USFK would stay in the peninsula in a fair and equal position. We are definitely planning on providing more opportunities in the future to U.S. Soldiers to come out and be a part of the community."

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## CPOC dispels civilian personnel mysteries

By Galen Putnam

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**CAMP HENRY** — In an effort to "put a face" on what they do, representatives from the Civilian Personnel Operations Center-Korea held two "Meet the CPOC" sessions for Area IV managers and supervisors March 18 at the Camp Henry Theater.

CPOC representatives covered a variety of topics including RESUMIX procedures, position classification, civilian training and others.

The briefings were inspired by comments directed to Robert Russell, a division chief from the Southwest CPOC, who is conducting a 90-day bottoms-up review of operations at CPOC-Korea.

"This is a pilot program. As far as I know it is the first time this has been done," said Blanche D. Robinson, acting director, CPOC-Korea. "This format allows us to bring out subject matter experts in different areas to address the questions and concerns of the managers and supervisors who are responsible for civilian employees in Area IV."

CPOC representatives presented briefings on their areas of expertise and then responded to questions from attendees. They also responded to questions that had been e-mailed to event organizers in advance of the sessions. Questions ran the gamut including topics such as funding permanent change of station moves, determining living quarters allowance eligibility and how to contact the CPOC.

Although disseminating information was the primary focus of the briefings, eliminating some of "the mysteries of the CPOC" was an important aspect as well.

"We wanted to put 'people' back into personnel," said Shirley Boyd, chief of U.S. staffing, Customer Focused Division. "Everything today is electronic. This was a chance to put a face with people's names. Sometimes it is easier to meet than trying to answer a question by e-mail."

Others agreed.

"We wanted to dispel the erroneous notion that we are not touchable," said Paulette Holmes, chief of the Nonappropriated Fund Division. "It is

important to get out and meet the customers you serve."

Attendees got a lot out of the information sessions.

"It was a good opportunity to learn about a resource I didn't know that much about coming from the military side of the house," said Capt. Matt Bowman, H-805 airfield commander. "This is the first time I've had civilian employees working under me so it was very informative."

CPOC officials are pleased with how well the sessions were received.

"I'm very happy with the way things turned out," Robinson said. "We hope to hold 'Meet the CPOC' sessions quarterly. Headquarters may decide to suggest other CPOCs conduct them or the other CPOCs may start doing it on their own after they learn about our success here."

The Civilian Personnel Operations Center-Korea falls under the Civilian Human Resources Agency headquartered at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md.

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# 'American Corner' opens in Daegu

Story, photo by Galen Putnam

Area IV Public Affairs Office

**CAMP HENRY** — In an effort to provide Daegu residents with high-quality information about the United States and cultural exchange opportunities with its citizens, Daegu Metropolitan Central Library, in conjunction with the U.S. Embassy in Seoul, opened "American Corner Daegu" March 19.

The United States Embassy in Russia conceived the American Corners project in the late 1990s. Since then American Corners have been established in more than 28 countries in an effort to expand communication and improve information exchange.

"At its heart an American Corner is a resource center. It offers an extensive collection covering topics as diverse as English teaching, student advising, fiction, business and the arts," said U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Korea Thomas C. Hubbard during the dedication ceremony. "The American Corner can also be the site of public programs featuring experts flown in from the United States (such as) English teaching assistants, Fulbright scholars, embassy officials and others."

The goal of American Corner Daegu is "to provide open, accurate and substantive information about the United States to people living in and around the Daegu area." In order to achieve that goal the array of materials featured cover a wide variety of subjects about the United States including its policies, society, education and culture.

Materials include 780 books ranging from reference to fiction; 142 digital video discs and

videos including documentaries and feature films; 20 periodicals covering a variety of topics and an assortment of compact discs. Plans are already in the works to expand the collection. The facility also has the capability to conduct digital video conferencing and features Internet connections.

The American Corner will also host public programs such as inviting guest speakers, conducting workshops and holding other interactive events.

Although the primary intent of the American Corner Daegu is to provide information to Republic of Korea residents, the facility is well suited for Americans as well.

"It's a snapshot, a taste of American history and culture. It will be a nice place for people to go at their leisure and spend some time learning about the United States," said Col. Ronald Robinson, 19th Theater Support Command chief of staff. "Once (Soldiers) know about it they will probably want to come down to see what's available here in the American Corner, and, it will put them in the same environment as others who come here to learn about the American culture. Surely, just that exposure will begin a dialog and soldiers will be able to help others who come here understand the American culture."

In addition to the new American Corner in Daegu, American Corner Busan opened Feb. 5, 2004. An American Corner is scheduled to open in Gwangju this year and new locations are planned for other cities.

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Visitors check out the resources available at the new American Corner inside the Daegu Metropolitan Central Library.

# The Army 'refreshes' its home page

## Army News Service

**WASHINGTON** — The Army is now online with a new look to its official Web site, [www.army.mil](http://www.army.mil), one year after operations to disarm Iraq began.

Featured in the new look and improved content delivery of the Army Home Page is a special photo presentation called, "A Year in Iraq."

The changes were a significant leap ahead in the site's capacity to deliver information to its global audience, said Lt. Col. Mark H. Wiggins of the Army's Strategic Communications office and director of [www.army.mil](http://www.army.mil).

"We took particular care when we were developing the approach to 'refreshing' Army.mil by focusing on the capabilities of delivering more content, improving technical platforms, and continuing to carry the Army brand," Wiggins said. "We have taken what was already a winning approach to strategic Web communications and made it even better. Like all good Soldiers do, we have improved our fighting position."

The most noticeable change comes in the form of colors and the overall brand approach. The last time Army.mil underwent major changes was on the Army's birthday, June 14, 2001, the same year the "Army of One" brand was rolled out.

"The changes are more than just a

branding exercise or coat of paint," said Wiggins, "we certainly wanted to bring the look and feel of Army.mil more in line with the brand, but the greatest effort over the past several months was to improve content delivery, organization and navigation throughout the site to better accomplish our mission of enhancing understanding of the Army's strategic vision, missions and roles in support of the nation."

Beyond the first glance at Army.mil, viewers will notice many improvements, particularly the new "Operations" page. This page showcases Soldiers' actions in operations and exercises around the world and includes a "clickable" map that provides basic information about some of those missions.

According to Chuck Jenks, the Army.mil Web manager, the improvements are based on viewer feedback, general Web communications research, practices and principles, and the need to provide the best strategic Web presence possible for an Army at war.

"Army.mil is the most powerful, flexible and timely strategic communications tool in the Army inventory," Jenks said. "The members of our team have worked long hours to make these upgrades a reality."

The "refreshed" Army Home Page includes an "iFrame" in the top center of the front page that offers more than the routine feature photos. Tabs on the "iFrame" now offer top-level visibility for "Feature Photos"

along with "Specials," "Soldiers Television" and other audio and video products. Additionally, the Army Web Team expanded the "Features" section—moving it from just above the daily feature photo area to its own location on the top right of the main page. The "Features" section retains its archive where links to all previously featured items are listed.

Another significant addition to the site is "Army Media Player" or "AMP." AMP provides a single media player or platform for all multimedia content—live and prerecorded—that Army.mil will offer.

Other improvements include:

**QuickLinks:** Formerly an 18-line list, "Quicklinks" has been collapsed into a simple drop-down listing that still provides all the pertinent information in a single, space-friendly line on the top left of each major secondary navigation page of [www.army.mil](http://www.army.mil).

The "dropdown" approach frees up more area on the main page to showcase other content while still affording the same quick, top level access to basic information about the Army. For the internal audience, the page also still has a link to Army Knowledge Online (AKO) outside of the dropdown for easy access.

**Search:** The "Search" function is now improved with multiple resources to provide quick, relevant results to content searches from all of the Army's Web sites.

**Banner Graphics:** This new section located just below the "Features" area contains rotating banner graphics that highlight featured "micro-sites" on Army.mil. Using "Flash" technology, the rotating graphics link to "Featured Micro-sites," providing top-level visibility and navigation along with improving the load time for the main page.

**Army Headlines:** "Army Headlines" has been moved up on the main page of Army.mil allowing viewers more visibility and improved navigation to the latest news and information from Army Public Affairs.

**Tabbed Content:** This new area provides front-page visibility for four separate content areas with "tabbed".

**Navigation:** From left to right, the purple area showcases "Operations" headlines, the green area contains "Press Releases," the red area contains "Speeches" and testimony from key leaders, and the brown area highlights featured articles from the "Professional Writing Collection" micro-site.

Not visible to viewers, but a key improvement to Army.mil according to Wiggins, is the implementation of a Content Management System, or CMS, that allows the Army Web Team a simplified approach to managing content and publishing daily updates to the site.

For more information and an online tour of the "refreshed" Army Home Page, visit <http://www.army.mil/>.











